

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Member requesting: Congressman Gus M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Name of requesting entity: Hillsborough Community College

Address of requesting entity: 39 Columbia Drive, Tampa, Florida 33606

Description: The \$200,000 will be used to help HCC obtain a state-of-the-art firearms training simulator for its Public Safety Training Center. This funding is justified because the COPS law enforcement technology program is designed to help incorporate new technology in crime-fighting efforts.

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Name of requesting entity: City of Plant City

Address of requesting entity: 502 West Reynolds Street, Plant City, Florida 33563

Description: The \$300,000 will be used to help the Plant City Police Department obtain a fully-functional mobile incident command post. This funding is justified because the COPS law enforcement technology program is designed to help incorporate new technology in crime-fighting efforts.

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Name of requesting entity: Tampa Port Authority

Address of requesting entity: 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The \$4,224,000 will be used for needed periodic dredging in the 70 miles of federal channel of Tampa Harbor. This funding is justified because of federal interests in maintaining the safety and navigability of federal waterways.

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: HRSA Health Facilities and Services

Name of requesting entity: BayCare Health System

Address of requesting entity: 16331 Bay Vista Drive, Clearwater, FL 33760

Description: The \$523,000 will be used to develop a medication point-of-entry for physicians in support of BayCare's electronic health record initiative. This funding is justified because HRSA health facility and service funds are designated for health care and construction programs to improve the delivery of health care services.

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: HRSA Health Facilities and Services

Name of requesting entity: University Community Hospital/Pepin Heart Hospital

Address of requesting entity: 3100 East Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33613

Description: The \$238,000 will be used to obtain a magnetic navigation system to help

improve patient care, physician training, and clinical research within its cardiovascular center. This funding is justified because HRSA health facility and service funds are designated for health care and construction programs to improve the delivery of health care services.

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: HRSA Health Facilities and Services

Name of requesting entity: University of South Florida College of Education

Address of requesting entity: 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33620

Description: The \$190,000 will be used to provide continuing education and a database for the public on available cancer clinical trials to improve patient outcomes. This funding is justified because HRSA health facility and service funds are designated for health care and construction programs to improve the delivery of health care services.

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Name of requesting entity: City of Clearwater, Florida

Address of requesting entity: 112 South Osceola Avenue, Clearwater, Florida 33756

Description: The \$237,500 will be used for infrastructure improvements to revitalize downtown Clearwater. This funding is justified because HUD economic development funds are specified to help local governments improve public infrastructure and increase economic development.

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Name of requesting entity: City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

Address of requesting entity: 324 East Pine Street, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689

Description: The \$380,000 will be used to provide street reconstruction and enhancements along Lemon Street and increase residential and commercial development. This funding is justified because Federal Highway Administration Transportation, Community, and System Preservation program is designed to provide funds to local governments to implement strategies to improve the efficiency of their transportation systems and encourage private sector development.

CARIBBEAN ECONOMIC CRISIS—IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES SUPPORT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to acknowledge the importance of the United States' presence in the Caribbean during these difficult economic times and to enter into the record an editorial from the *Carib News* by Basil Wilson entitled "Jamaica and the World Economy."

As the world deals with the difficult economic challenges, there needs to be a renewed economic commitment to the Caribbean nations, who are also suffering from the spiraling effect of the weakened world economy.

For many years, the United States has cultivated a relationship with the Caribbean that

involved a strong history of generous remittances and a prospering reciprocal trade relationship. As a result, both the U.S. and the Caribbean have benefited.

The United States must continue to uphold strong trading ties with the Caribbean islands to make certain their Gross Domestic Product is not greatly compromised. This is also not the time to decrease our level of relief efforts in the Caribbean community. We must understand that an economic decline in the First World results in an economic catastrophe in these Caribbean areas.

As the world tries to gain control of the warring economic calamity, let us not forget that our neighbors and friends in the Western Hemisphere are also dealing with the adverse effects of the global economy. It is especially during these times when there is a greater reliance on the Caribbean Diaspora's kindness and compassion to sustain the economic viability of their families. The U.S. government needs to be aware of the needs of the governments in the region for assistance in providing a necessary social safety net.

TRIBUTE TO HANS SMITH

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Hans Smith of Fresno, California who passed away at the age of 66 years old. Hans is survived by his wife Janet and his sons Chris and Esben along with their families.

Hans was born on February 16, 1942 in Sacramento, California to Frank and Josephine Smith. Hans grew up in Sacramento and attended local schools graduating from Sacramento High School in 1959. He next graduated from Fresno State University with a degree in Industrial Technology. Upon graduating he went to work for IBM in San Jose, California. While at Fresno State he met his future wife, Janet. Following Janet's graduation, they married and made their home in Los Gatos, California. While living in Los Gatos, Hans and Janet had their two sons, Chris and Esben. Wanting to raise their children in a less stressful environment, Hans and Janet moved to Raisin City, California in 1975. Hans became a farmer when he and Janet bought 40 acres of prunes.

Hans worked for his father-in-law, who was also a farmer, while getting his own farm started. Hans' farm was truly a family farm. Hans and his wife and sons could often be found working together in the orchard. Hans joined Sunsweet Growers in 1975. He remained a loyal Sunsweet grower for the next 33 years. Hans planted another 80 acres of prunes in 1980. When the new orchard came into production, Hans was able to stop working for his father-in-law. The farm was still a family affair with Hans and his sons taking care of most of the work.

Hans was elected to the Board of Directors of Sunsweet Growers in 1985. He served on the board for the next 23 years, until his death. Hans was a tireless promoter for the prune industry and Sunsweet in particular. He was always available to any grower who had questions about prunes. He gave help and advice to many growers when they entered into

the prune industry. Beginning in 1998, Hans diversified into the raisin and almond industries. He farmed 180 acres at the time of his death.

It goes without saying that Mr. Hans Smith was an honorable man with a commitment to family, friends and Sunsweet that will forever live in the lives of the people he so graciously touched. I am honored and humbled to join his family in celebrating the life of this amazing man who will never be forgotten.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MENTORING FOR ALL ACT OF 2009

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Mentoring for All Act of 2009 to support and greatly enhance youth mentoring efforts in the United States.

We currently face a mentoring deficit in our country. An estimated 15 million children could benefit from a healthy mentoring relationship, but no responsible adult mentor is available. We would see amazing results by reducing this deficit.

In fact, studies show the benefits of youth mentoring on our children. Those who have a healthy mentoring relationship are more likely to graduate from high school and go to college. They are less likely to turn to drugs or substance abuse. Children who grow up with a caring mentor are more likely to live full and productive lives.

The Mentoring for All Act will increase the number of children who will benefit from a responsible mentor and improve the quality of our mentoring programs nationwide.

Specifically, "Mentoring Partnerships" are the central entity providing assistance and guidance to the youth mentoring organizations within a state or region. This legislation will strengthen mentoring programs on both the local and state levels by supporting Mentoring Partnerships.

A Mentoring Partnership provides training and technical assistance, recruits mentors, engages statewide leadership, and advances research and knowledge for successful mentoring. That is, the partnerships support local organizations that operate mentoring programs and provide in most cases a state-wide infrastructure network to coordinate success. The partnerships have led to stronger mentoring programs and more children in healthy mentoring relationships.

This legislation will provide grants to Mentoring Partnerships and sub-grants to local mentoring organizations to directly support youth mentoring. In addition, the legislation will connect individual state Mentoring Partnerships to a central location through the Corporation for National and Community Service, increasing communication and information sharing nationwide for successful outcomes.

Madam Speaker, investing in youth mentoring programs is a worthy endeavor. It is time we acted to provide a mentor to our children in need of a responsible role model. Thank you very much for considering this legislation.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

1) Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water Development, Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources Account

Entity Requesting: Rancho California Water District (RCWD), 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula, CA 92590

Description of Earmark:

RCWD's project will substantially expand use of recycled and raw water in Riverside County, free up treated water to serve 70,000 new households in Southern California by converting agricultural demands from treated to recycled and raw water, shifting 144 cfs peak demand off MWD's treated water system, providing for additional recycled water reuse of 16,000 AF/year, relieving pressure from the Bay Delta and Colorado River, increasing annual storage by 10,000 AF/year, reducing carbon emissions by 4.9 million pounds/year. RCWD completed a feasibility study, which ensured viability of the project and was approved by Bureau of Reclamation (2007).

RCWD's Fiscal Year 2009 \$50,000 allocation will go toward design and construction—already underway this year—of a 48-inch pipeline to expand local recycled and raw water resources.

Spending Plan:

Project Expenditures—

RCWD's Fiscal Year 2009 \$50,000 amount will go toward design and construction—already underway this year—of a 48-inch pipeline to expand local recycled and raw water resources. The total cost for this phase of the project is estimated at \$28,000,000. The federal funding allocation will receive a non-federal/local match of \$26,000,000, or 92 percent. The non-federal funding match is provided by RCWD. Federal funds will be used for final design and beginning construction of the 48-inch pipeline to transport raw water from MWD's aqueduct for storage in Vail Lake.

2) Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water Development, Corps of Engineers, Construction Account

Entity Requesting: Eastern Municipal Water District, 2270 Trumble Road, P.O. Box 8300, Perris, CA 92572-8300

Description of Earmark:

\$946,000 is provided for a project that will produce potable water from an otherwise unusable groundwater resource through the construction of a three million-gallon per day (MGD) reverse osmosis desalter, feed-water pipelines, and brackish water wells in the Perris South sub-basin. In addition to reducing future demand for imported water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Colorado River, project benefits include salinity management for expanded water recycling and protection of high-quality groundwater in basins adjacent to the South Perris Basin.

The Perris II Desalter is a vital component of Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) desalination program which will ultimately generate up to 12,000 acre-feet per year of potable water and remove 50,000 tons of salt out of the basin every year. Projects such as this will move EMWD toward its goal of drought-proofing its region and providing reliability and flexibility to its water supply. EMWD has received funding authorization under P.L. 106-554, Div. B, Sec. 108 (d)(52) for implementation of the desalination program.

Spending Plan

Project Expenditures:

Total Project Cost \$30,000,000

Total State/Local Contribution

FY09 State/Local Contribution

FY09 Federal Funding \$500,000

FY09 Federal Funding \$946,000

3) Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water Development, Corps of Engineers, Investigations Account

Entity Requesting: Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 1995

Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501

Description of Earmark:

\$215,000 is provided for the Heacock and Cactus Channels project that will provide flood control through the widening and deepening of the channels, as well as construction of facilities designed to safely convey the tributary flows to a currently existing ultimate outlet downstream. A reduction in flooding will not only benefit the local community whose drains back up during storms, but it would also allow March Air Reserve Base to better safeguard its equipment and infrastructure from flood waters and ensure that the military's readiness for overseas deployment at this facility is not adversely affected.

Funds will be used to award and construct the project. At this time, the Corps has already completed an Initial Appraisal Report and Project Management Plan under its Section 205 Program, as well as executed a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement that would take into account the federal benefits that would accrue as a result of this project, which have been estimated to be as much as 75 percent.

Spending Plan

Project Expenditures:

Total Project Cost \$30,000,000

Federal Share \$28,400,000

Non-Federal Share \$1,600,000

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water Development, Corps of Engineers, Construction Account

Entity Requesting: Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 1995

Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501

Description of Earmark:

\$3,349,000 is provided and will be used to award and construct the project's entire Phase II reach, which includes protection for Old Town Temecula, as well as to complete the Design Documentation Report and the preparation of plans and specifications for Phase III's Multi-Purpose Detention Basin.

The Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project will provide 100-year flood control, environmental restoration and recreation benefits to the cities of Murrieta and Temecula. The project, which will be constructed in four distinct phases, will include a 250 acre detention basin to attenuate flows from the over 150